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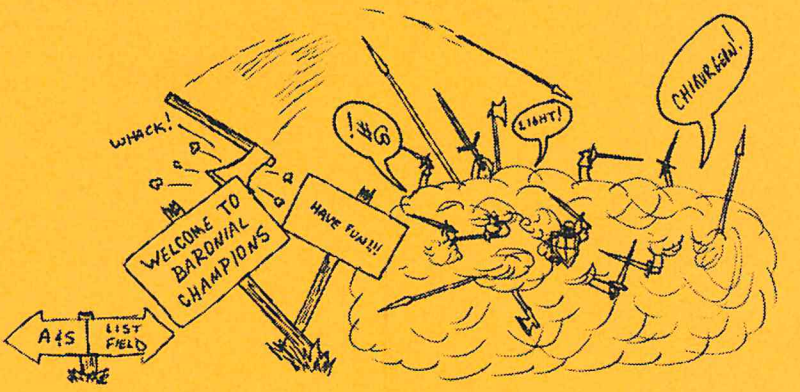

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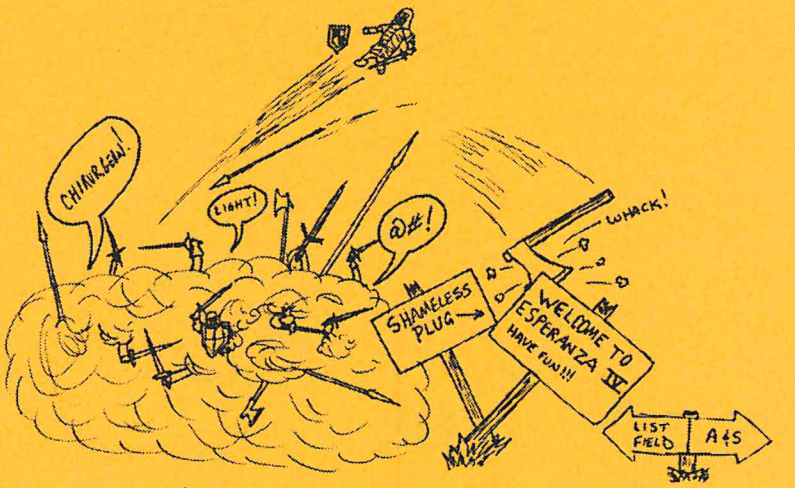

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From the Baronial Bard

Greetings,

The time approaches for the Champions of al-Barran. We will be trying some thing a little different when Her Excellency and I choose who to pass the Bardic Baldric on to.

I have notice that bardic competitions tend to be attended mostly bardic competitors. People who want to just have fun tend to stay away since they expect the singing to be focused around "who's best" rather than "what's fun."

To reduce the competitive feel and make it more of a regular bardic than a competition we would like anyone who likes singing to perform, whether you are competing or not. The names of the contestants will not be published; only Lady Fermina and myself will know who is competing. The only person who will be recognized is the next Bard of al-Barran. This, hopefully, will encourage more people to sing even if they don't enter. At every bardic I have seen, the more people singing, the better the bardic.

The performers will be judged on three things: how well they please the audience, how well they please Her Excellency, and how *appropriate* the piece is. There will be no set type of piece or number you have to perform, but if you do more than one then you have more chances of pleasing the audience.
There will probably be children, so if you want to perform off-color songs keep it to *light* risqué . Traditional SCA, period, period-style, SCA-related filk and period-related filk songs are all OK but the period-related filk needs to be about what we are trying to live, not merely non-modern.

Even if you don't want to sing, please come, we can't judge the most important part without an audience to be pleased. The bardic will be on the list field, by the taverns, and they'll probably have leftovers so you'll be able to enjoy the singing more fully.

Thomas de Carisbourg

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

7	PACK GAMES** *Blaiddwyn*
13-14	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT *Caer Galen*
19-21	CHAMPIONS OF AL-BARRAN **
28	1st Sunday at the New Fighter Practice Park!

OCTOBER

4	SAINT GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St. Golias*
5	ESPERANZA IV**
17-19	KNOWN WORLD COSTUME SYMPOSIUM *Caerthe*
17-19	KNOWN WORLD ACADEMY OF THE RAPIER *Caerthe*

NOVEMBER

8-9	OUTLANDS CORONATION *Fontaine dans Sable*
15	CITADEL BARONIAL POLLING AND A&S COLLEGIUM *Citadel of the Southern Pass*
15 OR 22??	ST MARTIN'S DAY TOURNAMENT ??
16 or 23??	TOYS FOR TOTS

*** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the noble and honorable populace do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, send heartfelt greetings.

We thank THL Triaria and Lord Vladimir for their great efforts putting on the al-Barran games earlier this month. We had a great day of fighting and fun, and a truly delicious feast.

We invite each of you to attend Outlands Crown Tournament held in Caer Galen later this month. This tourney is always exciting, as the heir to the throne is determined. Also, The Crown will be investing the founding Baron and Baroness of Caer Galen. May their barony prove as fruitful and worthy as our own.

This month we are hosting Baronial champions at Land's End. There will be many tourneys and melees, as well as a feast. We will sponsor a bardic circle on Saturday night, so now is the time to touch up your entertainment skills. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

On Sunday, September 28th, fighter practice will move permanently to Bataan Park. Please note this on your calendars.

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings to al-Barran,

For those who do not know me already my name is Lady A'isha bint Asad ud Din and I am your new Minister of Arts and Sciences. I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve all of you and my home. We are going to be doing things a little different; the Kingdom likes those long reports listing everything that everyone is doing. Most groups turn these in every month but I have found that you never get anything done if you do this so I will be doing them quarterly over the list, so if you are not on the list I will post in my report the month before so you have time to contact myself or Lady Skia my lovely deputy.

Other than that I am currently trying to set up workshops for Midwinter and for A&S at war. The categories for war are posted elsewhere in this publication and I am waiting for clarification on a few things from Kingdom.

Coming up is Pack Games Sept. 7 where I understand Theater Games will take place, Champions of al-Barran Sept. 19-21 where the Bard of al-Barran competition will be taking place Saturday night, Esperanza IV Oct. 5 there will be a favor competition and Known World Costume Symposium Oct. 17-19 in Caerthe. I hope that you will all take the opportunity to attend and participate in as many of these functions as possible.

Lady A'isha

From the Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings all,

The al-Barranian Westside Knowlege Exchange Workshops are up and running again. Below is the schedule for the next several months. All classes will be held at Skia's house, call 344-0094 for directions, from 7pm to 10pm on Thursdays and Saturdays to be determined.

September 4: Felt Sewn Slippers part 1
September 18: Felt Sewn Slippers part 2

October 2: Khan's Feast part 1 — learn how to plan , research and prep a period feast
October 11: Khan's Feast part 2 — prep and eat this fabulous Central Asian feast
October 23: Lampwork Bead Construction

November 13: Historical Food Preservation and Modern Equivalents
Nov. 27: Seamless Felt exploration

Hope to see you all,
Lady Skia

Champions of al-Barran

Barony of al-Barran
Land's End, Stanley NM
September 19-21, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Site Opens 12 PM Sept. 19; Closes 4:00 PM Sept. 21
Site Fee: FREE
The site is WET

The Barony of al-Barran invites you to join them to a weekend of fun and merriment as we come together celebrate "The Fun of the Game" at a free event hosted by the grace of Their Excellencies of al-Barran.

Friday evening will see dancing and revelry about the fire at Town Hall. The "Establishments of Higher Culture" will open at 6:00 PM, kicking off the competition to see which group will be rewarded with the Banner of the Gracious Scorpion and a chest of gold on Sunday.

Saturday will begin with court followed by an opening tourney to select the Bearer of the Baroness's Favor. After the tourney, a variety of heavy and light weapons melees, including potential and upcoming war scenarios, will be run by Lord Vlad. The Baron wishes it known that anyone who desires to compete in the afternoon tournaments must first participate in the melees. After a break for lunch, we will hold tourneys to select the Baron's Champion, the Protector of the Baroness's Heart, and the Champion Archer. Our Cultural Establishments will be open throughout the day.

Saturday evening will begin with a potluck feast Downtown with cold meat courses prepared courtesy of their Excellencies. All are encouraged to attend and bring a side dish or dessert to share. Following the feast at sundown, there will be a Bardic Competition to determine the Bard of al-Barran. AT SUNDOWN THERE IS A MORATORIUM ON ALL DRUMMING UNTIL LFTED BY HER EXCELLENCY.

Sunday morning will start with Lord Gilbert's Light Weapons Chess Tourney and then we will see all brave fighters striving for the honor of Master Swordsman and/or Premier Blade. Throughout the event there will be a variety of games and amusements.

The site is lightly wooded and all should bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Portable shade is encouraged. The trees are precious and so should not be damaged or dismembered. Campfires are prohibited except for those run Downtown. Other flammable light sources must be enclosed and attended at all times. Anyone wishing to participate in any of the tournaments or the bardic competition should have a current subscription to the Baronial Shaft. A representative from the Chronicler's Office will be on hand at the event, should you wish to purchase or renew a subscription.

Schedule

Friday
12 PM - Site Opens
6 PM - Establishments of Higher Culture Open

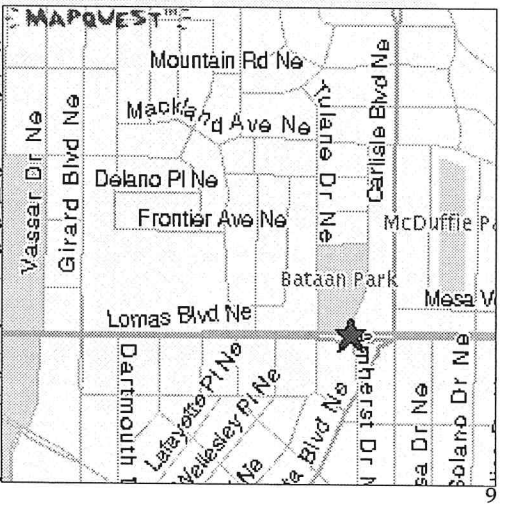
Saturday
8:30 am - List for Today's Tourneys Opens
9:00 am - Opening Court
Bearer of the Baroness's Favor Tourney
Melees
List Closes
~12:00 PM - Lunch
Baron's Champion Tourney, Protector of the Baroness's Heart Tourney
Champion Archer Tourney
6:00 PM - Court Reopens
Dinner at Establishments of Higher Culture
Sundown - Bard of al-Barran competition Bardic
No Drumming Until Moratorium is Lifted by her Excellency
Sunday
10:00 - List for Master Swordsman and Premier Blade opens
Light Weapon's Chess Tournament
Premier Blade Tournament, Master Swordsman Tournament
~3:00 PM - Closing Court
4:00 PM - Site Closes
Directions
Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to Exit 196. Go North of NM 21 for 12 miles. Turn East (right) on White Lakes Road. Go 4.5 miles to Rough Road. Turn North (left) and go 2 miles. Turn East (right) at SCA sign and go 1 mile to Land's End.
Anyone with questions should contact the Autocrat - Lord Gauvain Eisenbein (Jeff King) at 890-1152/261-9364 or gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com .

New Fighter Practice Park

Fighter Practice is Moving to Bataan Park on Sunday September 28, 2003

Come one, come all, to Bataan Park on Sunday, September 28th. This will be the first fighter practice at the new park. Lots of shade. Centrally located for all to come join the fighters. Lots of shade. close to a Walgreen's for the last minute sodas and such. Lots of shade. Hmm and oh yes, did we say lots of shade?

The New Park's location: Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection.



Directions: From I-40 take the Carlisle blvd exit and head south on Carlisle. At Lomas Blvd turn right. Bataan Park is between the next 2 streets on the right.
OR From I-25 take the Lomas Blvd exit and head east on Lomas. At Amherst (next to the Walgreens) or Tulane (west side of park) turn left.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
	1 Gammer Gurton's Needle	2 Blaiddwyn Project Conclave	
7 Fighter & Rapier Practice ***Will be at Pack Games (Blaiddwyn)***	8 Gammer Gurton's Needle	9 Blaiddwyn Project Conclave	He
14 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing ***Outlands Crown Tournament (Caer Galen)***	15 Gammer Gurton's Needle	16 CITIZEN'S MEETING Blaiddwyn Project Conclave	
21 Fighter & Rapier Practice For those who can't get to ***Champions of al-Barran (al-Barran)***	22 Gammer Gurton's Needle	23 Blaiddwyn Project Conclave	He
28 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing **WILL BE HELD AT BATAAN PARK FROM NOW ON**	29 Gammer Gurton's Needle	30 Blaiddwyn Project Conclave	

September Birthdays

7th, 1533: Queen Elizabeth I of England — led England during the defeat of the Spanish Naval Armada, established England as a major sea power
8th, 1157: King Richard I of England — Spent most of his time on the 3rd Crusade, never learned English, knighted Saladin
16th, 1387:King Henry V King of England — won the battle of Agincourt, one of the greatest battles of the 100 Years War
29th, 1547: Miguel de Cervantes — wrote Don Quixote, the first major piece of Spanish literature

esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Blaiddwyn Armour Workshop A&S Knowledge Exchange & Workshop	5	6 Archery Practice Equestrian Practices
10 raldry Meeting	11 Equestrian Practice Blaiddwyn armour Workshop	12	13 ***Outlands Crown Tournament (Caer Galen)***
17	18 Blaiddwyn armour Workshop A&S Knowledge Exchange & Workshop	19 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop ***Champions of al-Barran (al-Barran)***	20 Archery Practice Equestrian Practices ***Champions of al-Barran (al-Barran)***
24 eraldry Meeting	25 Equestrian Practice Blaiddwyn armour Workshop	26	27
		Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19.	

September Medieval Dates

1st, 1339: King Edward starts The Hundred Years' War between England and France.
11, 1297: Battle of Stirling Bridge William Wallace led the Scots to victory against the English over tremendous odds.
19th, 1356: Battle of Poitiers, Edward, the Black Prince of Wales scored a great victory, taking King John II of France prisoner.
20th, 1519: Magellan sets sail with a fleet of ships but died in the voyage before one of the fleet succeeded in circumnavigating the globe.
25th, 1066: Battle of Stanford Bridge The last Viking invasion of England delayed Harold's arrival at Hastings, making it a major factor in the outcome of the Norman Conquest.

Pack Games II

The College of Blaiddwyn
University of New Mexico, Duck Pond
Albuquerque, NM
Sunday, September 7, AS XXXVIII (2003)
Site open 10 am; closes at 5 PM
Site Fee: FREE

Good Gentles, the College of Blaiddwyn would like to invite you to Pack Games II! Please join Blaiddwyn as we celebrate the end of summer with a fundraiser cookout, game tourneys and court dancing. With the gracious support of their Excellencies of al-Barran, the regularly scheduled al-Barran fighter practice will be held at the Duck Pond this weekend. Newcomers are welcome, as this is our primary fall recruiting event.

Directions: *From I-40:* take the University street exit. Turn south (R-East Bound; L-West Bound). Pass several stoplights. At Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, turn left and left immediately again onto Redondo Drive. Take the next right into the parking lot. The Duck Pond is to the East and North of the parking lot.

From I-25: Take the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive exit. Turn east (L-South Bound; R-North Bound). Follow it till it ends in a T-intersection at Redondo Dr. Turn left. At the next right, turn into the parking lot. The Duck Pond is to the East and North of the parking lot.

For more information, please contact the autocrat: Lyneya del Filde (Janet Fildes) Phone: (505)254-4771 email: gollum@unm.edu
Or go to our website: **http:\\www.unm.edu\~sca**

Outlands Crown Tournament

The Shire/Barony of Caer Galen
September 13-14, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Tourney site: South Midway Park, Broomfield, CO
Tourney site opens for setup at 8:30 am
Feast site: First Baptist Church of Bloomfield,
90 Emerald ST. Broomfield CO 80020
Site fee: $11, feast fee $9 There will be a $3 member discount
Make checks payable to SCA-Caer Galen

Come one come all to The Kingdom of the Outlands Crown Tournament! This joyous occasion will take place on September 13th in the shire of Caer Galen. Peer circles will take place on Sunday the 14th. The fighting will take place at Midway Park in Broomfield CO. The field will open for setup at 8:30 am and tents and shade covers are allowed. Please use no stakes set in over 10 inches deep.
The feast and court will take place at First Baptist Church at 990 Emerald Street, also in Broomfield. The hall schedule is yet to be determined.
Feast reservation deadline is September 1st.
Please contact the autocrats for more information.

Feast Day of Saint Golias

College of St Golias
New Mexico Tech Athletics Field & SAC
801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
October 4, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Site Opens 10 am; Closes 11:45 pm
Site Fee: tba
The site is dry

Unto all the fine gentles of these fair Outlands does the College of Saint Golias send warmest greetings!

Twenty-six years has this fine College dedicated ourselves to the most honorable pursuits of our patron Saint. Many great endeavors have we undertaken in our sacred quest for the finest Wine, Women and Song. Upon the Fourth day of October we welcome all good gentles to celebrate with us the Feast Day of Saint Golias, and to share the fruits of our labors.

The celebrations will commence at 10 am on the NM Tech Athletics Field with a game tourney, since it was ever Saint Golias' duty to spread the knowledge of dice, cards and other such challenges of wit and skill. Following the merriment, fierce combat shall commence to determine the new defender of Saint Golias, as well as our patron saint's First Blade.

The evening would not be complete without feast and frolic, and both shall be had at the NM Tech SAC, although said feast hall is subject to change at the whim of the gods. Please send word of your willingness to join in our merriment by September 4th to ensure yourself a seat at our table.

Alas our feast, frolic, and tourney sites are dry, however the most honorable pursuits of Saint Golias will be heartily celebrated at the after-revel following the feast. The after-revel site will be announced at the feast.

For concerns about the Celebration of St. Golias, please contact Lady Auria of Golias (Amanda McCleary) 610 Mariposa, Socorro, NM 87801; 505-838-0509 *no calls before noon, please.*; email cinder@nmt.edu

Please direct queries concerning the Feast of St. Golias, please contact Lady Treya Stormdragon (Lisa Arnold) 718 Liles, Socorro, NM 87801; 505-835-1274

To join our merriment and reserve your place at our table, please contact Domina Livia Maese (Lynn Miller) PO Box 3268, Socorro, NM 87801; 505-835-6073; email: nox@nmt.edu *please send reservations by email*

Esperanza IV

Sunday, October 5th, 2003
Bataan Park
Site opens at 9:00am, closes at 6:00 PM
Site is Insanely Dry
Event is FREE

The Barony of al-Barran is in need of new Soldiers of Hope!! Your current Soldiers of Hope have been proud these past two years to serve in that capacity, but the time has come to step aside and allow for our successors to be chosen!! Come...defend the cause of hope with your sword! There will be a heavy and light tournament, a potluck lunch, and an A&S competition.

CALLING ALL ARTISANS!!! Showcase your handiwork in the favor competition! The most inspirational favor will win its maker a great prize! Some food will be provided for the potluck, but please bring a dish to share.

"Hope is the light that guides us, while the dark seeks to lead us astray" (I just made that up)

Directions to site:
From I-40, take Carlisle exit. Head south on Carlisle, and turn right (west) on Lomas. Park is on right (north) side of the road between Tulane and Amherst.
Autocrat : Lord Michael McQuillan (505) 208-6001

al-Barran Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium and Ball

Barony of al-Barran
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1500 Chelwood Park Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM
November 1, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Site opens 10:00 am; closes 10:00 PM
Site is Dry

Fees are $4 for adults. Children and teens, are $3 each, and children 5 and under are free. Family cap is $20. checks payable to "SCA al-Barran."

Come one and all to al-Barran's Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium and Ball. Come refresh your memory on court dances you know and learn new ones, including court dances that are being danced inner-kingdom, so that as you travel around the Outlands, you will know the dances at our various balls.

There will be a full day of court dance classes from 10 am to 5 PM with a break for lunch on your own. Lemonade and tea will be provided throughout the day. We will have two informal dance tracks--one for the beginner dancers and a concurrent one for the intermediate dancers.

From 3 to 5 PM we will be teaching "inner-kingdom" court dances, which are the dances that are being currently taught in the various Outlands' baronies and shires and danced at their events, for those who play on the kingdom level and wish to dance at out-of-town events in the Outlands. For those of you wishing to teach court dancing in your shires and baronies, Lady Barbara has created a booklet of dance instruction and a set of court dance music tapes for these dances, to give to you.

Musicians from our al-Barran Musicians group will be meeting with other musicians from 1 to 5 PM to share music, information, etc. They have a great collection of court dance sheet music collected by Lady Lin Shiao Mei, which you can download from her website at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/shiao_mei/crtdance.pdf . You are encouraged to print and bring this with you to the event. This collection of dance music is based on the dances in Lady Barbara's dance instruction booklet.

We will be having a potluck feast prior to the Ball from 5:15 to 6:15 PM with our Barony donating a meat dish, bread, butter, tea and lemonade. There will be lots of dancing of old and new court dances at our Court Dance Ball from 6:30 to approximately 9:30 PM.

We are excited to have our al-Barran Court Dance Musicians playing for part of the ball. Our theme for the ball is "Come as You are Not" which means you dress in period garb, but in a way that you don't usually dress for your persona. Masks are welcome, but not necessary. We also encourage you to bring a new, unwrapped toy (value of $5.00 or more) to donate to our barony's donation to Toys-for-Tots. Anyone bringing a toy can deduct $2.00 from their gate fee.

For our non-dancers, there will be game tables for those who wish to play period board games throughout the day. There will also be a supervised children's room from 10 AM to 10 PM with activities for the children. We ask that parents donate 2 hours of their time during the day in the room for each of their children who participate and bring a few of their children's favorite toys.

Reservations are not required. No pets please. Contact Lady Barbara at 505-293-7453, krege@aps.edu if you need crash space. For further information, see the Collegium link at the al-Barran web site at http://www.al-barran.org

Directions: From the West on I-40 take the 7th exit after passing through the I-25 interchange and turn left onto Tramway (from the East on I-40, take the 1st Albuquerque exit and turn right onto Tramway). Go north about 1.3 miles and turn left onto Lomas. Go .5 miles and turn right on to Chelwood Park Blvd. Take Chelwood Park Blvd. about .6 mile to the church, which will be on your right at 1500 Chelwood Park Blvd.

Autocrat: Lady Barbara (Barbara Krege), 505-293-7453, krege@aps.edu, Deputies Lady Melody Shaw and Lord Y Port Lairge (Susan and Chris Hurlbert), 505-265-0161, Lockgen1@aol.com

Toys for Tots

Barony of al-Barran
Sunday November 23, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Bataan Park, on the corner of Lomas and Amherst
Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 10 AM and closes at dusk
The event is free! The site is dry.

Greetings, good gentles:
The season is upon us, it is time for us bring joy into children's hearts. It's time for us to collect toys for the underprivileged children of these lands! It's time for Toys for Tots!

Once again, the barony of al-Barran will be presenting this event in conjunction with the Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign. Last year, we collected over 1,000 toys. This year, lets double or triple that amount. We have the manpower to do it - we are, after all, the mightiest barony in the kingdom. Let's show all the other baronies, and shires, how mighty we are!

Once again we will have the heavy weapons Children's Champion and rapier Defender of the Children tournaments at the event. Test your mettle and fight to become this year's champion! For the children, we will have a Children's Quest. More about this in a later article.

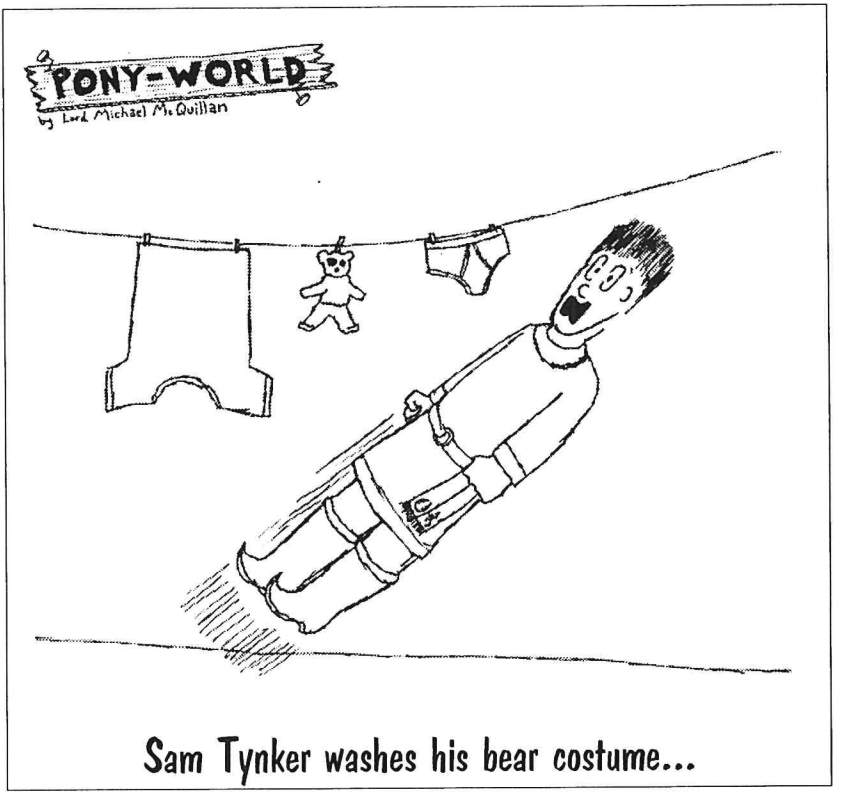
The Toy Maker Competition! For this year's event we're not just going to collect toys, we're going to make them! There will be separate competitions for children and adults; the populous will decide on the best toys. Make a pint size trebuchet. Make period-style doll garb. Or create something totally unexpected. The rules are that it must be in a period style, (although not necessarily a toy found in period) it must be recognizable as a toy, and it must be appropriate for children. Use your imagination - it'll help you win the competition.

And did I mention toys? Once again, we are going to have a toy collection competition. The household (or group) that brings in the most toys, and the individual who brings in the most toys will win prizes!

Directions to the site: Take your best route to the intersection of I-25 and I-40 in Albuquerque. Go east of the intersection to the Carlisle exit, which is the first exit. Go south of Carlisle to the fourth stoplight, which is Lomas Blvd. Turn right (west) on Lomas, going just past the Walgreen's drugstore. Immediately after Walgreen's you will see Bataan park, which is on Amherst and Lomas Blvd.

Help bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas day. Start planning your collection today - talk to your employers about putting out a box or two. Please contact me if you need any help.

In Service,
Ld. Cristóbal Vasquez de Narriahondo, Autocrat, 1309 Canyon Trail SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121. Ph # (505) 839-7302. E-mail: abqbobcat@aol.com.



Sam Tynker washes his bear costume...

Al-Barran Midwinter

Barony of al-Barran
December 13-14, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Feast Site Opens 11 am Dec 13; Closes 11:45 pm Dec 13
The site is wet, but must be purchased on site.

As winter's cloak encircles al-Barran their Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina invite one and all to join them in celebrating Midwinter.

This year all are encouraged to travel to France in the year 1550 and immerse themselves into the intrigue of the French court. A feast of soleties, prepared by Lord Vladimir will delight the eyes as well as the senses. Entertainment will abound as troubadours dart betwixt the rustling silks of the dancers and courtiers.

Prepare thyself, classes in costuming and accoutrements of the time will be forthcoming.

For more details contact the autocrat Sabia at ldysabia@aol.com or 896-333 or the deputy autocrat Lord Gauvain at gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com

Gammer Gurton's Needle

Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet after the Labor Day Holiday. Beginning Sept. 8th, we will meet at milady Mary Lee's house (Mary Lee White) Her address is 12329 Eastridge Dr. Take your best route to Chelwood Park which runs between Lomas and Indian School, east of Juan Tabo. Eastridge runs west off Chelwood Park. Her phone is 385-0368.
We will be seriously working on our large special project. Please attend for more details or contact HL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle who is organizing the project (see contact information below).
Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom and cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm (except Labor Day this month). (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your ownproject. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@earthlink.net or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 HLDelia@aol.com.
Website:http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/
"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing Article

Court dance practice will be held on Sunday, September 7, at the Pack Games II event at the UNM duck pond, 12:30 to 2:30 PM and at the same time on, Sunday, September 17 at fighter practice park, Jeanne Bellamah Park. In October, dance practice is moving, along with fighter practices to Bataan park. Please see the map on page 9. October practices are Sundays, October 5 and 26, 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Our dance practices are free and open to anyone, ages 7 and up. We hope you will join us at these court dance practices and at the ball on November 1st. We will also be helping individuals from other groups who wish to either teach court dancing or create a musicians' group, with free dance instruction, music tapes, and sheet music, so please spread the word to your friends in other SCA groups. For further information, please see the article on these events or contact me at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu.
In Service to the Dream,
Lady Barbara

Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians

We Need Your Help with Our Sound System
We have a wonderful, new, al-Barran court dance and period music musicians group who will be playing at future court dance balls in al-Barran. However, in order for them to be heard at our largest events, we need to create a portable, sound amplification system, including microphones & speakers (that is not too expensive), so that they can be heard easily at our largest events. We also have a 250 watt shelf stereo system; however, during mid-Winter, with people talking in that large hall, it's very hard to hear the music, so we need a way to boost the volume or create a more powerful system.
Woodworker Wanted
We also need someone who would be willing to build a nice, small decorative, 3-panel, folding screen with fabric panels, which we could place in front of our mundane, 250 watt shelf stereo system at court dancing events, to hide it. Putting a piece of fabric over the system affects the circulation needed for cooling. We would be willing to pay for the materials.

Please contact Lord Y Port Lairge (Chris Hurlbert) at 505-265-0161, Lockgen1@aol.com, or Lady Barbara, 505-393-7453, krege@aps.edu with your ideas for either of these projects, including specifics and prices.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia Marie's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice For August, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (August 10 & 17), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months: August: 2, 7, 16, 21 & 30; September: 6, 11, 20 & 25; October: 4, 9 & 18; November: 1, 15 & 29. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Want to add to the musical atmosphere at feasts and events? Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court music please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of the cd player at some events. Non-electrified instruments preferred. A compiled sheet music book pdf file can be found at: **http://mywebpages.comcast.net/shiao_mei/crtdance.pdf** - please print this and bring it with you to the meetings. We will be meeting at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ), on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and occasional Sundays at Fighter Practice Park. *For more information please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.*

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